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Enrique Manzanilla Director, Superfund Division, Region 9 United States Environmental Protection Agency 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Area 4 (City of Industry/Puente Valley)

Dear Mr. Manzanilla:

This is a request to meet with you to discuss critical issues with the implementation of the 1998 Interim Record of Decision for the Puente Valley Operable Unit.

United Technologies Corporation and its subsidiary Carrier Corporation are parties to a 2006 consent decree with the United States, in which we agreed to undertake a portion of the interim remedy for containment of groundwater contamination.

For reasons beyond our control, the remedial action has not yet commenced. A protracted field investigation is ongoing. New data have fundamentally changed the site conceptual model, including the understanding of the lithology of the site, the primary sources of contamination and the feasibility of treated groundwater disposal. Costs have escalated. Implementing the interim remedy has become impracticable. We are now expected to move in directions that were unanticipated and are different than what we agreed. Your staff is aware of the issues, which pre-date the current project team.

Given these changed circumstances, we have concerns about proceeding further under outdated assumptions. We believe a high-level management review of options is needed. Our team is available for a meeting at your offices on September 11 or 12, 2014, but we are open to looking at other dates.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Hon. Jared Blumenfeld, Administrator, EPA Region IX

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